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1. AT OPENING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SIERRA LEONE
PARLIAMENT UNDER THE NEW ONE-PARTY STATE CONSTITUTION JUSU-
SHERIFF AND HIS FELLOW SLPP HOLDOUT VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION
TO RECOGNIZE THE ALL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (APC) AS THE ONE
PARTY RECOGNIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION. JUSU-SHERIFF'S VOTE
(MEMBERS WERE POLLED ALPHABETICALLY) BROUGHT PANDEMONIUM
TO THE HOUSE AS MEMBERS CHEERED AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
KOROMA KISSED HIM ON THE CHEEK.

2. FOLLOWING THIS UNANIMOUS VOTE PRESIDENT STEVENS OPENED
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THE NEW PARLIAMENT WITH A LONG SPEECH WHICH INDICATED LITTLE
NEW REGARDING GOVERNMENT POLICIES BUT WHICH INVOLVED A
LONG DEFENSE OF ONE-PARTY STATE POLITICS. DECRYING MULTI-
PARTY POLITICS AS SOMETHING IMPOSED BY THE BRITISH (WHO
AFTER ALL, HE SAID, TOLERATED NO OPPOSITION TO THEIR RULE),
HE DESCRIBED THE ONE-PARTY SYSTEM AS THE WAY TO A UNIFIED
EFFORT TO BUILD SIERRA LEONE. EVEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS DRAGGED

INTO HIS APOLOGIA WHEN PRESIDENT STEVENS NOTED IN SPEAKING
OF GOVERNMENT OF, BY AND FOR THE PEOPEL, THAT LINCOLN MADE
NO MENTION OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

3. THOUGH THE PRESIDENT GAVE NO INDICATION OF POSSIBLE
CABINET CHANGES HE HAD READY ON JUNE 15 APPOINTED S.I.
KOROMA AND C.A. KAMARA-TAYLOR AS FIRST AND SECOND VICE
PRESIDENTS RESPECTIVELY.
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